involving an outlay of Rs. 18.15 lakhs have been funded under the wetland programme of the Ministry during the last two years

Statement

Component	Amount proposed (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Dredging of Magarmukh area	1600
2. Fishery Development	2074
3. Tourism Development	600
4. Soil Conservation	325
5. Multi-disciplinary research units including meteorological unit	100
6. Management back-up	93
7. Dweeding	75
8. Supportive studies	75
9. Management Information System	35
10. Others	23
TOTAL	5000

Ban on the Trading in Birds and animals

*296. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the trading in birds and animals;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) (i) Internal trade in all species listed in Schedule I and Part II of Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 only is prohibited under Section 49 B of the Act.

(ii) External trade in wild animals and their derivatives for import and export is governed by the import and Export Policy (1990-93). Relevant extracts of the Policy are given in the statement below.

Statement

Provisions regarding import and export of wild animals and articles made thereof in the Import and Export Policy (1990-93)

I. EXPORT

(i) *PART (A) - Items export of which is not allowed*

Sl. No.	Description of item
19	(i) Frogs and parts thereof.
30	Ivory and ivory products made out of unmanufactured ivory.
31	Manufactured items made out of reptile/snake skins and mangoose hair.
43	Peacock tail feather
50	Sea-shells and sea-weeds, all types.
64	The export of all forms of wildlife (dead or alive) or part thereof or produced therefrom) including stuffed animals in whole or part are completely banned except for those mentioned in Part B.
	(ii) *PART—(B) Items allowed for export merit*
4	Exotic birds:
	1. Albino budgerigars
	2. Bengali finches
	3. Budgerigars
	4. Java sparrow
	5. White finches
	6. Zebra finches
27	Venom of snakes (in manufactured form)
	(iii) *Items allowed for export against limited ceiling*
	Handicraft items made of peacock tail feathers.
12	Manufactured items made of porcupine quills and shed antlers.

II. IMPORT

Import of Animals, Birds and Reptiles:

Import of animals, birds and reptiles for zoos, and zoological parks or for scientific/research purposes and by circus companies and private individuals may be allowed subject to the provisions of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES). Ivory is included in the list of items import of which is restricted.

Small number of local employees in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in N. E. Region

*297. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons belonging to the N. E. Region employed as teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas located in that region is very small;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of efforts, if any, made by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for recruiting more techers from that region to fill up the vacancies occurring every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA). (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is an autonomous body, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, fully financed by the Govt. of India, 744 Kendriya Vidyalayas spread all over the country, including 3 abroad, are run by it to cater to the educational needs of the children of the transferable Central Government employees including defence personnel. In view of its all-India